

December 8, 2022



News On The Horizon

From the desk of our Executive Director, Mrs. Cantrell

Dear HAW Community,

I have some exciting news to share this week. We received our final Charter renewal report with the recommendation to the Public Education Commission for full renewal for five years without any conditions. This is a testament to our entire HAW community. Thank you to our staff, our teachers, our parents, our council members, and students for making this community one of the best in New Mexico. A few of us will be at the hearing with the Public Education Commission on Monday where they may ask any clarifying questions before the final vote. The PEC meetings are also streamed on Zoom and you are more than welcome to join. We are on the agenda from 10:30-12:30. Please click the link below from PEC to join the December 12, 2022, Renewal Hearing Webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83860175728> I will be sure to message everyone after the final vote. GO BEARS!

There is EPIC teaching and learning happening every day. This week, I observed Kindergarten working with words, 4th graders making Adobe doll houses, library classes making some beautiful ornaments, and computer classes learning how to code. I am making it a point to continue to post on Facebook as often as I can.

Hope you can join us for the Holiday Light Drive-Thru next week. PTO is planning a fun night. It is December 15th from 6:00-7:00. Spirit Week is December 12-15. More information about those events were sent home on a flyer. Thank you to our PTO officers for making our last full week memorable for our community.

Have a wonderful weekend. See you all on Monday.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cantrell

HORIZON ACADEMY WEST BEARS PLEDGE

HAW B.E.A.R.S.

Be brave in everything you do

Eager to learn

Achieve your best

Respect yourself, others, and your environment

Show kindness to all

GENERAL INFORMATION AND REMINDERS:

- Dollar Demin Days- 10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 12/1, 12/15, 1/5, 1/19, 2/2, 2/16, 3/2, 4/13, 4/27, 5/11. More information below.
- T-Shirt Tuesday for this semester are 8/30, 9/13, 10/18, 11/15 and 12/20. More information below
- Let Mrs. Andrea know if you need any resources related to financial hardship, housing, or employment, etc. at agallegos@hawest.net
- December lunch menu will be on our website, under 'Resources'. Due to supply chain delays, menu items may be occasionally substituted.
- December 12th-15th- PTO SPIRIT WEEK. More information below.
- December 21st-January 3rd- Winter break and professional development for staff. No school for students
- January 4th- classes resume for the new year.
- If you know families interested in joining us at HAW next school year, please let them know that our lottery application will be available on our website in late January.

NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM



I hope everyone had a fabulous Thanksgiving 🦃 We have been very busy in the art room this week! First grade has been working on their rainbow monsters . They are turning out so adorable.

Here is a picture of Miss Cordova's first grade class and their rainbow monsters and now for the artist of the week! I chose Levi Amaya, Isabela Ochoa, and Tristan Chamblee from Mrs. Keeling's third grade class! These are their cold/warm colored trees! Great job students!

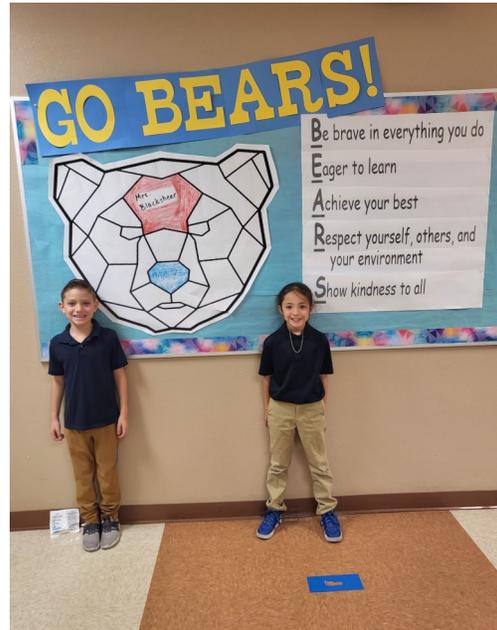
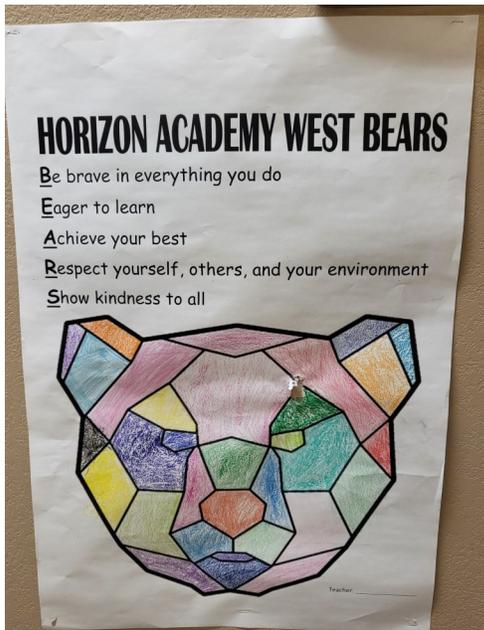
I hope everyone has a fabulous and creative week.

Ms. Whatley



BEAR BONUS

Congratulations to Mrs. Y's second grade class. They colored in their BEAR BONUS poster and will be celebrating next week with a movie and popcorn!



BEARS STORE

We had a successful BEARS STORE day on Tuesday. Students have been working hard to earn BEAR BUCKS. Staff have been great about recognizing positive behavior. The store collected 806 BEARS BUCKS!! Along with all the fun toys and items available in the store, we had a good amount of students get uniform passes, Mr. Steve's helper, announcement helper, and a lunch DJ! It is also special to hear students talk about buying items for their family members. It was a fun and exciting day!



ATTENDANCE REMINDER-TARDY NOTICE

The cafeteria door and back gate close at 7:50am. Students who arrive after that time will need to be brought to the office and signed-in by an adult. They will be marked tardy in our database. Our instructional day starts at 7:45 with breakfast. When students arrive late, they miss important components of starting their day. If you and your child arrive during announcements you will be asked to wait until they are done to sign-in. Please note that arrival time is from 7:35-7:50am. Students can be walked to the front cafeteria door or dropped off in the back using the two driving lanes.

Thank you.

HAW BEARS IN THE COMMUNITY

We love sharing the great things our students are doing in the community. It is especially nice when we can relate it to our BEARS PLEDGE. If you would like to share information about your child in our newsletter, email information and photo to agallegos@hawest.net.

Demetris bundled up and participated in the annual volunteer event for the Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program. This luminarias event is their biggest fundraiser of the year. Awesome job helping out in the community Demetris. GO BEARS!!



KINDERGARTEN COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Kindergarten is collecting pop tabs to support Ronald McDonald House.

Please send tabs from soda cans, vegetable cans, soups cans etc...in a jar or bag. The collection will continue until March (Spring Break).

Thank you for your time and support!



Illuminating Intervention

It's that time of year where students have their routines established and may find school a little less exciting! Students may feel tired or less engaged from the rigor of learning and require a little fun put into their learning. What better way than to use manipulatives!

Manipulatives (concrete materials) help deepen all students understanding of mathematical concepts and especially for struggling students. By touching and exploring with hands-on manipulatives, children use several senses, which allows more cognitive connections to be made with a concept. Using manipulative materials in modeling a concept and for learning can help students learn how to relate real world applications and situations to mathematics and phonics/reading. Using manipulatives allows students to collaborate together, discuss and explain their thinking. Incorporating manipulatives into learning can help student engagement, attitude, skills, and concrete understanding by visualizing and seeing the concept.

Teachers regularly use manipulatives in the classroom. Here are the "TOP 10" manipulatives teachers use; base 10- blocks, fraction tiles, geared clocks, pattern blocks, geoboards, coins, bucket balance, dice, cards, and counters/plastic chips. Student's eyes light up when manipulatives are part of their daily lesson!

Parents and families, here is a list of "TOP 10" manipulatives you can try at home; food (beans, cereal, dried pasta, produce and M & M's), dice, cards, beads, buttons, paper plates, Play-doh, craft sticks, yarn, recyclables (cardboard and bottle tops). Using manipulatives at home just might put the fun back into student learning!

When using manipulatives in the classroom students will often comment, "That was fun! Do you have any more problems I can do with these (manipulatives)?" Give it a try at home! It just might make homework a little more engaging and fun for your child (and you too)!

Together we can build the future!
Mae Heermann
HAW Reading/Math Interventionist K-2

Flu Season is Here!

Parents please keep a closer watch on your kiddos as there are many germs and illnesses going around this time of year. Flu symptoms are sudden and severe including high fevers, chills and body aches. Please keep your child home if they have fever, ongoing coughing, diarrhea, vomiting or pink eye. It is highly recommended that you send your student with Chapstick. We have so many friends with bleeding chapped lips. As always, I have Covid-19 testing here on campus and home test kits are available. Please reach out if this is something you are interested in. If you have any questions or concerns please call 505-998-0459 ext 142 or email hoffice@hawest.net. Thank you for your cooperation and support with staying healthy here at Horizon Academy West!

Ms. Angelique

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT IN KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten Leaf Investigation
Hands on Science In Kindergarten
Mrs. Stoffan's Kindergarten



COAT DONATION FROM COMMUNITY BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

We'd like to thank Community Bible Baptist Church for their generous donation of coats. The Young Adult Ministry collected over 50 coats for any of our students that need one this winter. Please contact Ms. Andrea at 998-0459 ext 107 or agallegos@hawest.net if you would like your child(ren) to get one. We still have various sizes available.

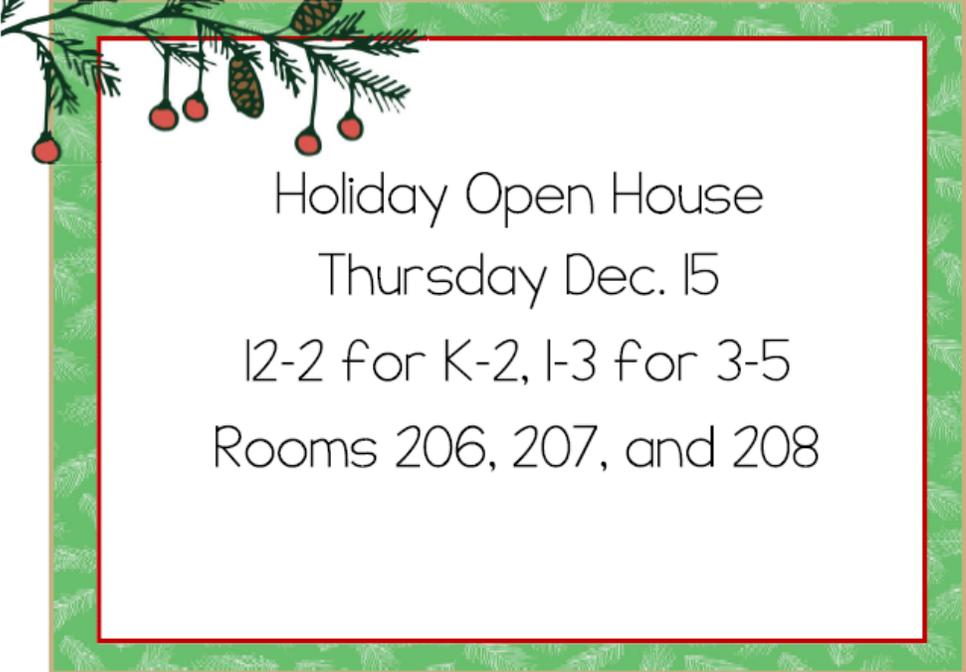


ATTENTION PARENTS WITH STUDENTS IN MRS. LYNCH, MRS. Z, AND MRS. SERNA'S CLASSES

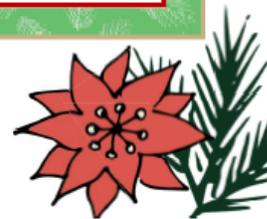
This invitation was sent home from Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Z, and Mrs. Serna with their students for this gathering. If you have any questions, please contact one of them directly at dlynch@hawest.net, mzukowski@hawest.net, or pserna@hawest.net.



JINGLE
and MINGLE
Come celebrate with us!



Holiday Open House
Thursday Dec. 15
12-2 for K-2, 1-3 for 3-5
Rooms 206, 207, and 208



PTO December Events

Spirit Week December 12th-15th

Monday December 12 th	Tuesday December 13 th	Wednesday December 14 th	Thursday December 15 th
Merry Monday Morning *Come dressed in your favorite pajamas	Tree Topper Tuesday *Wear your favorite holiday hat	Warm Fuzzy Flannel *Wear any flannel shirt	Tacky Sweater Thursday *Wear an ugly holiday sweater

Holiday Light Drive-Thru December 15th 6pm-7pm



*White paper bags will be sent home with every student to decorate this week. Please help your child decorate them and return to school by Tuesday, December 13th. Every bag decorated and returned to school will be displayed as Luminarias in our 2nd annual Holiday Light Drive Thru.

You can follow our PTO on FACEBOOK at PTO at HAW or receive text alerts by texting @HAWPTO to 81010. You can also visit our website, under 'programs' to see the PTO page.

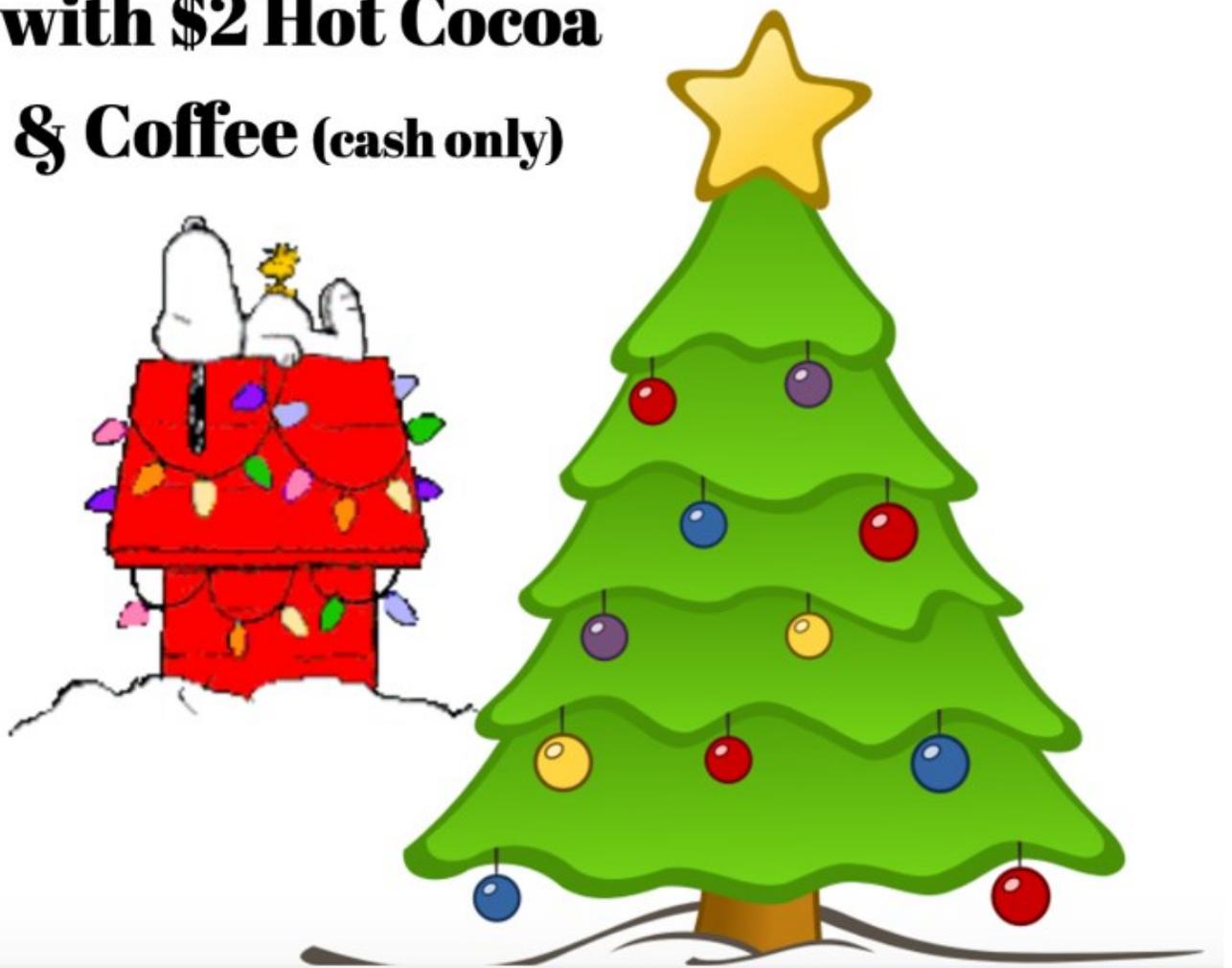
Horizon Academy West PTO

presents:

The 2022 Holiday Drive Thru

December 15th 6:00-7:00 pm

**Enjoy the night
with \$2 Hot Cocoa
& Coffee (cash only)**



Please help 5th grade Community Project!

We will be collecting donations to give to

Argos, a Shelter Dog Rescue.

Argos, a Shelter Dog Rescue's mission is to rescue, provide medical care, and successfully re-home dogs at risk of being euthanized in NM shelters. They work closely with other rescues, professionals, and shelters to provide much needed education to the public.

Please bring items to any 5th grade teacher before

Monday, December 19th.

Donation ideas:

~ Dog food

~ Dog beds

~ Big dog toys

~ Blankets

~ Dog leashes

~ Little dog sweaters

